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ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR A Merry Christmas

"May health, wealth and happiness attend you all your days."

We take this opportunity to thank our subscribers and job patrons for their liberal patronage during 1907. We assure you that we appreciate it very much. We wish also to thank our readers for their favorable comment when we deserved it and their tolerance when we erred.

During the year 1908 it shall be our aim to give our readers the very best possible service in the matter of LOCAL NEWS. We expect to increase our equipment by the addition of a new press, new type faces and added stock. For our Job Department we expect to put in a large line of all grades of paper from poster to ledger, and other additions. The quality of our printing will remain of its usual high standing.

Again thanking you for past favors and trusting we may have your continued patronage, we are

Yours for a Merry Christmas,
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Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute held here last week was very well attended and the farmers kept the Manhattan professors busy answering questions. Dr. Burkett made a good talk and answered the questions very satisfactorily. Mrs. Calvin made a very interesting talk upon a better education for young girls and all who heard her, say she will draw a big crowd the next time she speaks in Hays. A. D. Collier made a very interesting talk on seed improvement. The farmers got so interested in his talk that they used the entire morning Thursday in finding how to select better seed, especially corn.

The officers elected for next year were: J. R. Chittenden, Pres; Geo. E. Palmer, Sec. and Treas. These officers are going to try and improve the Institute and make it more interesting next year.

High School Notes

And again the examinations!

Friday is the last day of school for nineteen hundred seven.

The pupils are anticipating many pleasures in the coming two weeks' vacation.

There were six seats vacant Tuesday on account of the storm.

The recent snow has prevented the basketball girls from practicing the past week.

The Freshmen rise to deny the charge that their case of giggles is serious and to give assurance that there are no indications that it will become chronic as it has with the Juniors.

The principle medium of exchange in the girls cloak-room this week has been, not clearing house checks, but over-shoes and has caused quite as much distress to some individuals as the money panic has some financiers.

A fast and furious game of basketball was played last Friday evening between the Normal and the High School in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering of Normalites, public school pupils and patrons. The score was seventeen to eighteen in favor of the Normal. It is hoped that a series of games will be arranged for in the near future.

The Manual Training Dept. of the Normal made Prof. Picken a present of a gavel made of several different kinds of wood on Friday. The work is a fine piece of art and was done by Louis Christiansen and Henry Brown of the Normal. Prof. Picken will use the gavel in presiding over the State Teachers' Mtg. at Topeka next week. Mr. Bird made the presentation speech.

Candy for Xmas
Bonbons and chocolates put up in the most appetizing manner. Absolutely pure. The only indispensable Xmas gift.

C. A. HARKNESS

Death of Mrs. Geo. Reidel.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Geo. Reidel came to this community as a great shock Tuesday morning. Their little boy was just recovering from scarlet fever and the farm had been in quarantine for some time, when Mrs. Reidel took sick with pneumonia. On account of the contagious disease the funeral service, which was conducted by Rev. Mumford, was held outside the home on Wednesday afternoon; quite a number of the mourners followed to the cemetery.

The deceased leaves her husband a boy about three years old, three brothers and a sister. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad hour.

OBITUARY.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Carrie Rosa Meyer, was born in Rush County, Kansas, July 18, 1881; she was married to George Reidel June 16, 1902 and came at once to live on his farm eight miles south-west of Hays. She was raised in the Methodist Episcopal church and has been a member since her early childhood. Her friends, who are many, spoke of her as a singularly sweet-spirited Christian, a dutiful wife and a loving mother. She died of pneumonia at her home Dec. 17, 1907 and the funeral services were held on the afternoon of the following day. The remains were laid in their last resting place in Mt. Allen Cemetery.

First Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the U. S. Portland Cement Co. of Yocemento was to have been held at the cement city Wednesday but owing to the heavy snows the session was held in the Hotel Brunswick at Hays Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended and the stockholders were enthusiastic, a number of them increased the amount of their subscriptions and considerable stocks were sold. The number of directors was increased from five to seven and the following men were elected: E. Haworth, I. M. Yost, C. E. Isaacson, J. G. Porter, S. P. Kramer, Samuel Anspaugh and H. H. Lynn.

The officers elected were as follows: President I. M. Yost, Vice President S. P. Kramer, Secretary E. Haworth, Treasurer J. H. Ward, Attorney Ira Lloyd.

Mandolin Club.

I have booked the University Mandolin Club of state wide fame, for January 8th. Tickets will be on sale next week. Nothing better on the road, so don't miss it.

J. H. DOWNING, Manager.

Additional Local

E. R. Cole is spending a few days in Lawrence.

Trainmaster H. E. Richards was in town Wednesday on business.

The Workmen Lodge took in a number of new members Thursday evening.

Will Cox of Voda came down to Hays Wednesday to attend the wedding of his sister.

Mrs. Alvin Fellers returned Friday evening from a visit to her old home in Iowa.

Casper Middlekauff came in from Lawrence Thursday evening to spend the holidays with his parents.

The Normal faculty made Mary Katherine Bird a present of a beautiful gold necklace with cross pendant.

Clem, Nigel and Pansy Wilson came down from Hoxie to attend the wedding of their brother George Wilson and Miss Queenie Cox.

The Normal-Ellis Y. M. C. A. basketball game which was to have taken place this Friday evening has been postponed until after the holidays.

Miss Bertha Virmond of Gove City came down Wednesday to the wedding of Queenie Cox and will remain in Hays during the holiday season.

The son of Charles Everett formerly of this city, but now of Pueblo, Colo., met sudden death this week by falling in a man-hole at the steel works.

The boiler at the electric light plant was found to be in bad condition last Tuesday morning when it was inspected by the state inspector. Boiler-makers from the railroad shops at Ellis are now at work repairing the damage and meanwhile the station traction engine is supplying the force for the dynamo. It is hoped that they will be able to use the big engine and supply full power by to-day.

Merry Christmas

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X

STATIONERY always is an important item in our stock but our stock this Christmas season is beyond description in new creations, new colors and materials. A box of stationery always makes an acceptable Christmas gift. Prices run 20c to 55c a box.

M

Cigars are appreciated by ninety per cent. of your gentlemen friends, but cigars are a line ladies cannot always buy with safety. Unless you come to our store you are liable to get something your friend will not like. In boxes special for Christmas 50c to \$4.00

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C. A. HARKNESS.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Day Star from on High."

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30. "A Christmas Talk."

Glad to see so many, especially young people, coming to the evening services. Keep it up and we will try hard to do you good.

God bless you all and make it a truly joyous Christmas for every one.

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Christmas Service. Subject: "Some Christmas Lessons." Special Music. Offering for Board of Education.

3:00 p. m. Catechetical Class. "The Third Commandment."

6:30 p. m. C. E. Society Prayer Meeting. Topic: "The Magnificent, A Christmas Song."

7:30 p. m. Public Worship. A Chalk Talk: "The Star in the East." Special Music.

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J. F. Jordan.

The Yocemento Star has suspended publication.

Edison Phonographs at H. C. Schultz Jewellery Store.

The baby child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chittenden was baptised at the Episcopal services held in the G. A. R. Hall last Sunday evening.

Most of the out-of-town Normal students are returning to their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Rand, the horse buyer, will be in Ellis, Tuesday January 7, 1907 Victoria, Wednesday January 8, 1908, Hays, Thursday Jan. 2, 1908. Remember these dates and bring in the horses. Rand will buy them. 6-2t

Society Notes

Mr. George Wilson of Grinnell and Miss (Queenie) Anna Mary Cox of Hays were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the home of the bride on Quality Hill at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon December 18, 1907, Rev. Chas. F. Wiest officiating. The home was elaborately decorated with holly and mistletoe and in the wedding bower hung two large white bells trimmed in the Christmas greens. The bride wore a beautiful white Paris muslin gown trimmed in Valenciennes lace over white silk, and carried a bouquet of white roses and ferns. The groom wore conventional black. Mrs. Chas. F. Wiest played the wedding march. Miss Winifred Cox was the maid-of-honor. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

An abundance of beautiful and useful presents were showered upon the bride.

After the ceremony the guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith where Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Griffith served the sumptuous wedding banquet. The long table was festooned with white ribbons and elaborately trimmed with the Christmas greens and white carnations and ferns and was loaded with the most delicious fruits and bonbons. At seven o'clock the bride disappeared and returned soon in a brown and white traveling costume, and the young people had to hurry to catch the evening train but they all arrived in time to give Queenie one more shower of rice. The young folks will long remember this beautiful white wedding, when the snow and the sunshine and the moonlight figured so grandly in the festivity. The bride and groom have the best wishes and congratulations of a host of friends.

Mr. Herbert Chittenden, Jr. entertained a large party of Hays friends at his country home two miles north of Hays Tuesday evening. Whist was the game of the evening and elaborate refreshments were served by Mrs. John Chittenden. Mrs. Ed Yost received a beautiful vase as a reward for the best lady player and Geo. Philip, Jr. was awarded the gentlemen's prize, a silver ash tray. The following is the

list of invited guests; on account of the snowy weather many were not able to attend:

Mrs. A. P. Stainer,
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chittenden,
" " " Charles Miller, Jr.,
" " " Walter Stedman,
" " " Ed Yost,
" " " G. A. Lester,
" " " Henry Schwallier,
" " " Loutzenhiser,
" " " C. F. McLain,
" " " Harry King,

Misses Stella Farley, May Markey, Franke Haffamier, Queenie Cox, Stella West, Gertrude Ward, Kathryn Mark-ey, Mildred Pestana, Maggie Cave, Mamie Mulroy, Susie Shaffer, Bessie Leahy, Clara Loreditsch, Anna Carrick, Ellen Behan and Messrs. Jas. Urban, Fred Schwallier, George Philip, Jr., Ed Cain, Henry Winters, Richard Mulroy, George Zeigler, William Jordan, Fred Haffamier, Lincoln Ward, Hugh Braly, James Behan, Jr., George King.

Salina Journal, Tuesday:—

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Queenie Cox of Hays and Mr. George Wilson of Grinnell. The wedding will take place in Hays on the evening of the 18th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cox, on Quality hill. Miss Cox is well known in Salina. Two years ago she was employed as nurse in the hospital and while here made many friends.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Miss Annette Foster Saturday Jan. 4th. Program will be rendered as follows:—

Leader, Mrs. Emma D. Snyder
Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
King Lear, Act V
Miscellaneous Business

Miss Sophia Dickenson entertained at tea Friday evening the Misses Amy Lucile Swires, Olive Ida Westbrook, Ida Belle Solomon, Charlotte Elizabeth Brown, Mabelle Alferetta Rowison.

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